

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) A liquid absorbing sheet for absorbing a nonaqueous electrolyte solution, comprising:
 - a liquid-absorbing resin layer capable of absorbing a nonaqueous electrolyte solution and shows adhesion, wherein the liquid-absorbing resin layer comprises a polymer of a monomer composition, the monomer composition containing:
 - a monofunctional monomer component (A) comprising a polyethylene glycol acrylate monomer and an amide bond-containing acrylic monomer; and
 - a polyfunctional monomer component (B).
2. (Original) The liquid absorbing sheet according to claim 1, wherein the polyethylene glycol acrylate monomer is phenoxypolyethylene glycol acrylate or methoxypolyethylene glycol acrylate.
3. (Original) The liquid absorbing sheet according to claim 1, wherein the amide bond-containing acrylic monomer is acryloylmorpholine or N,N-diethylacrylamide.
4. (Previously Presented) The liquid absorbing sheet according to claim 1, wherein the liquid-absorbing resin layer is formed over a substrate.
5. (Original) The liquid absorbing sheet according to claim 4, wherein the substrate is capable of absorbing and retaining a nonaqueous electrolyte solution.
6. (Currently Amended) A nonaqueous electrolyte battery pack comprising
 - a nonaqueous electrolyte battery cell,
 - a circuit board,

a nonaqueous electrolyte-absorbing element for absorbing a nonaqueous electrolyte solution in the event of electrolyte leakage from the nonaqueous electrolyte battery cell, and

a battery case encasing the battery cell, the circuit board and the nonaqueous electrolyte-absorbing element, wherein the nonaqueous electrolyte-absorbing element is formed of ~~the liquid~~ a liquid absorbing sheet for absorbing a nonaqueous electrolyte solution, according to ~~claim 1~~ comprising:

a liquid-absorbing resin layer capable of absorbing a nonaqueous electrolyte solution and shows adhesion, wherein the liquid-absorbing resin layer comprises a polymer of a monomer composition, the monomer composition containing:

a monofunctional monomer component (A) comprising a polyethylene glycol acrylate monomer and an amide bond-containing acrylic monomer; and

a polyfunctional monomer component (B).

7. (Previously Presented) The liquid absorbing sheet according to claim 2, wherein the liquid-absorbing resin layer is formed over a substrate.

8. (Previously Presented) The liquid absorbing sheet according to claim 3, wherein the liquid-absorbing resin layer is formed over a substrate.

9. (Currently Amended) A nonaqueous electrolyte battery pack comprising
a nonaqueous electrolyte battery cell,
a circuit board,
a nonaqueous electrolyte-absorbing element for absorbing a nonaqueous electrolyte solution in the event of electrolyte leakage from the nonaqueous electrolyte battery cell, and

a battery case encasing the battery cell, the circuit board and the nonaqueous electrolyte-absorbing element, wherein the nonaqueous electrolyte-absorbing element is

formed of ~~the liquid~~ a liquid absorbing sheet for absorbing a nonaqueous electrolyte solution,
~~according to claim 2~~ comprising:

a liquid-absorbing resin layer capable of absorbing a nonaqueous electrolyte solution and shows adhesion, wherein the liquid-absorbing resin layer comprises a polymer of a monomer composition, the monomer composition containing:

a monofunctional monomer component (A) comprising a polyethylene glycol acrylate monomer and an amide bond-containing acrylic monomer; and

a polyfunctional monomer component (B), wherein the polyethylene glycol acrylate monomer is phenoxypolyethylene glycol acrylate or methoxypolyethylene glycol acrylate.

10. (Currently Amended) A nonaqueous electrolyte battery pack comprising
a nonaqueous electrolyte battery cell,
a circuit board,
a nonaqueous electrolyte-absorbing element for absorbing a nonaqueous electrolyte solution in the event of electrolyte leakage from the nonaqueous electrolyte battery cell, and

a battery case encasing the battery cell, the circuit board and the nonaqueous electrolyte-absorbing element, wherein the nonaqueous electrolyte-absorbing element is formed of ~~the liquid~~ a liquid absorbing sheet for absorbing a nonaqueous electrolyte solution,
~~according to claim 3~~ comprising:

a liquid-absorbing resin layer capable of absorbing a nonaqueous electrolyte solution and shows adhesion, wherein the liquid-absorbing resin layer comprises a polymer of a monomer composition, the monomer composition containing:

a monofunctional monomer component (A) comprising a polyethylene glycol acrylate monomer and an amide bond-containing acrylic monomer; and

a polyfunctional monomer component (B), wherein the amide bond-containing acrylic monomer is acryloylmorpholine or N,N-diethylacrylamide.

11. (Currently Amended) A nonaqueous electrolyte battery pack comprising
a nonaqueous electrolyte battery cell,
a circuit board,
a nonaqueous electrolyte-absorbing element for absorbing a nonaqueous electrolyte solution in the event of electrolyte leakage from the nonaqueous electrolyte battery cell, and

a battery case encasing the battery cell, the circuit board and the nonaqueous electrolyte-absorbing element, wherein the nonaqueous electrolyte-absorbing element is formed of ~~the liquid~~ a liquid absorbing sheet for absorbing a nonaqueous electrolyte solution, ~~according to claim 4 comprising:~~

a liquid-absorbing resin layer capable of absorbing a nonaqueous electrolyte solution and shows adhesion, wherein the liquid-absorbing resin layer comprises a polymer of a monomer composition, the monomer composition containing:

a monofunctional monomer component (A) comprising a polyethylene glycol acrylate monomer and an amide bond-containing acrylic monomer; and

a polyfunctional monomer component (B), wherein the liquid-absorbing resin layer is formed over a substrate.

12. (Currently Amended) A nonaqueous electrolyte battery pack comprising
a nonaqueous electrolyte battery cell,
a circuit board,
~~nonaqueous~~ a nonaqueous electrolyte-absorbing element for absorbing a nonaqueous electrolyte solution in the event of electrolyte leakage from the nonaqueous electrolyte battery cell, and

a battery case encasing the battery cell, the circuit board and the nonaqueous electrolyte-absorbing element, wherein the nonaqueous electrolyte-absorbing element is formed of ~~the liquid~~ a liquid absorbing sheet for absorbing a nonaqueous electrolyte solution, ~~according to claim 5~~ comprising:

a liquid-absorbing resin layer capable of absorbing a nonaqueous electrolyte solution and shows adhesion, wherein the liquid-absorbing resin layer comprises a polymer of a monomer composition, the monomer composition containing:

a monofunctional monomer component (A) comprising a polyethylene glycol acrylate monomer and an amide bond-containing acrylic monomer; and

a polyfunctional monomer component (B), wherein the liquid-absorbing resin layer is formed over a substrate and the substrate is capable of absorbing and retaining a nonaqueous electrolyte solution.

13. (Previously Presented) The liquid absorbing sheet according to claim 1, wherein the nonaqueous electrolyte solution contains carbonates.

14. (Previously Presented) The liquid absorbing sheet according to claim 1, wherein in the monofunctional monomer composition (A), the amount of the amide bond-containing acrylic cycle is in the range of 20 to 70 parts by weight with respect to 100 parts by weight of the polyethylene glycol acrylic monomer.

15 (Previously Presented) The liquid absorbing sheet according to claim 1, wherein the polyfunctional monomer composition (B) is added to the monomer composition in an amount to give a crosslink density of about 0.0001 to 0.17.